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UNION COUNTY, MISS., Friday, Sept. 25, 1874.

THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held its twelfth annual session with Beulah Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1874.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. L. Skinner, from Matthew xiv. 16. : "Give ye them to eat."

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. A. G. Parrott.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. Rogers.

Eld. J. E. Rogers and Bro. W. E. Berry were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the following churches were read, viz.: Academy, Ashland, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Chewalla, Clear Creek, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Hamilton, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, New Bethel, New Hope, Pine Grove, Pisgah, Pleasant Hill (Benton), Pleasant Hill (Tippah), Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Ripley, Ruckersville, Shady Grove and Union.

New Prospect and New Hope Churches, in McNairy county, Tenn., petitioned for membership. They were admitted, and delegates seated.

No letter was received from Canaan Church, but brethren present were seated as delegates.

The Association then proceeded to permanent organization

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by re-electing Eld. A. G. Parrott Moderator, Bro. J. J. Guyton Treasurer, and Thomas Spight Clerk.

Eld. J. B. Gambrel and Bro. Elijah Smith acted as tellers.

Bros. R. S. Smith, W. N. Stansell, J. J. Guyton and the deacons of Beulah Church were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion, it was resolved to have a sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., on each day of the session, and that the Association adjourn at that hour.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—Elds. M. P. Lowrey, J. E. Rogers, and Bro. J. M. Murphy.

Sabbath-schools—Elds. J. W. Sanford, W. J. Kirkland and Bro. J. E. Buchanan.

Ministerial Education—Eld. W. L. Skinner and Bros. W. M. Gadd and H. H. Ray.

Orphans' Home—Elds. M. P. Lowrey, M. Gillian, and Bro. J. B. Fuller.

Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8½ o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Gambrel.

SATURDAY, September 26, 1874.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Eld. J. W. Sanford, proceeded to business.

Committee on Order of Business made their report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to arrange the Order of Business submit the following:

1. Read the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
2. Call for Correspondents.
3. Invite visiting brethren.
4. Appoint Correspondents.
5. Call for reports.
6. Elect Executive Board.
7. Determine the place of holding the next meeting.
8. Elect a minister to preach the next introductory sermon.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LOWREY, Chairman.

Received the following correspondents, viz :

Unity Association—Brothers J. J. Horn, Moses Wyatt.

Chickasaw Association—Elders A. L. Finley, G. W. Potter, Isaac Smith, James Boswell, M. L. Ball, and Brothers J. A. Morgan, H. Kirk, S. M. Darden, J. M. Tucker, E. Smith, W. L. Souther.

Tishomingo Association—Elder Joshua Smith.

Oxford Association—Elder J. B. Gambrel.

Judson Association—Elder A. B. Smith, and Brother T. A. Smith.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders M. P. Lowrey, J. B. Gambrel, M. L. Ball, H. L. Finley, J. T. Pitts, J. D. Anderson, A. B. Smith, and Brothers J. M. Tucker, N. S. Watson, H. Kirk, W. L. Souther.

Orphan's Home—Brother Joel Towers.

Visting brethren invited to seats with us.

The following correspondents were appointed:

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders M. P. Lowrey, A. G. Parrott, J. W. Sanford, W. L. Skinner, J. D. Anderson, and Brothers W. E. Berry, N. S. Watson, A. H. McAlister. Meets at Hazlehurst, Miss., Thursday before the first Sunday in July, 1875.

Chickasaw Association—Elders J. D. Anderson, W. J. Kirkland, M. P. Lowrey, J. W. Sanford, A. G. Parrott, and Brothers J. E. Buchanan, N. S. Watson, W. N. Stansell, J. M. Murphy, W. E. Berry, J. Lence, Thomas Spight, L. A. Bell, J. B. Fuller, W. D. Hunter, J. W. West, H. L. Lansey, J. F. Ross, J. D. Morton, James Darden, H. B. Russom, W. M. Horton, M. Queen, J. F. Quinn. Meets at Fredonia Church six miles south of New Albany, Miss., Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1875.

Tishomingo Association—Elders A. G. Parrott, M. P. Lowrey, J. W. Sanford, J. D. Anderson, and Brothers C. E. Gurney, W. E. Berry, L. A. Bell, R. S. Smith. Meets at Gravel Hill ten miles north of Corinth, Miss., Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1875.

Unity Association—Elders M. P. Lowrey, A. G. Parrott, M. Gillian, J. W. Sanford, J. E. Rogers, J. D. Anderson, W. L. Skinner, and Brothers E. T. Doyle, J. M. Murphy, J. A.

Skinner, J. W. West, Thomas Spight, R. S. Smith, C. E. Gurney, J. H. Landers, J. F. Quinn, D. A. Archer, L. T. Ray, H. H. Ray. Meets at Saulsbury, Tenn., Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1875.

Big Hatchie Association—Elders M. P. Lowrey, A. G. Parrott, J. E. Rogers, M. Gillian, J. D. Anderson, and Brothers Thomas Spight, E. T. Doyle, J. M. Murphy, J. W. Turner, J. C. Gadd, J. D. Morton, J. F. M. Colston, J. B. Fuller, J. Lence, N. S. Watson, W. M. Gadd, L. T. Hale. Meets at La-Grange, Tenn., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1875.

Coldwater Association—Elders M. P. Lowrey, A. G. Parrott, and Brother J. W. Turner. Meets at Sardis, Miss., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1874.

Judson Association—Brother W. E. Berry. Meets at — six miles east of Verona, Miss., Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1875.

Oxford Association—Elder M. P. Lowrey. Meets at Clear Creek Church, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1874.

Ripley Colored Association—Elders M. P. Lowrey, A. G. Parrott, J. W. Sanford, W. J. Kirkland, J. D. Anderson, and Brothers W. E. Berry, W. N. Stansell, H. T. Webb, J. W. West, G. R. Whisenant. Meets at —.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a letter of correspondence, to appear in the minutes.

Committee on Ministerial Education made their report:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following:
The responsible position which the minister of the gospel sustains to God and to the world, makes it necessary that he should be "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." He must "rightly divide the word." He must be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Some question the propriety of an educated ministry, forgetting that the most powerful enemies of Christianity are educated men, who use their education for evil. The church needs an educated ministry to meet them. Education is a power, and in the hands of a devoted minister it is a power for good. We recommend to every young minister the advantages offered by Mississippi College

and the Baptist Theological Seminary, at Greenville, South Carolina; and that he strive to show himself a "workman approved of God." We earnestly urge the brethren to assist those who are called of God, and are thus striving. We recommend that contributions be made through the Executive Board, designating the minister for whom they are made.

Respectfully, etc.,

W. L. SKINNER, Chairman.

Pending consideration of report, the Association adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder G. W. Potter.

Prayer by Elder L. P. Cossett.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2 o'clock P. M.

Association re-assembled. Prayer by Elder M. L. Ball. The Moderator announced the other committees as follows:

Mississippi College—Brothers W. E. Berry, Jacob Godwin J. D. Morton.

Foreign Missions—Elder J. W. Sanford and Brothers W. M. Horton, Alva Collins.

Documents—Brothers N. S. Watson, J. W. Turner and Elder L. P. Cossett.

Church Letters—Elder J. E. Rogers and Brothers J. M. Box, J. A. Skinner.

Domestic Missions—Elder J. D. Anderson and Bros. D. A. Archer and Turner Mathis.

Finance—Bros. C. E. Gurney, E. T. Doyle and E. T. Stuart.

After some interesting speeches the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was adopted.

The Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, which was adopted, and \$27.20 in cash contributed to relieve the present necessities of the Home.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Circulars have been sent to all the churches in the State, asking a contribution of one dollar from each church, for the erection of a mill and gin, to help towards making the Home self-supporting. Some of the churches have made this contribution; we recommend all the rest to do so. In consequence of the failure of the crops and the stringency of money matters the Orphan's Home is now passing through a severe ordeal. The success of Bro. Hall, the general agent and superintendent, in securing funds for permanent improvements, does not relieve present necessities. The orphans

must be fed and clothed, and unless the Baptists of Mississippi come up to their help, they must suffer. We learn from Brother Towers that they have not three days' provisions on hand. We recommend that a cash contribution and subscription be now taken up, and that each of the churches, as soon as practicable, appoint an agent to collect and forward money and supplies.

The Home belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi, and we hope they will be faithful to their ward.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LOWREY, Chairman.

On motion, the order of business was suspended to hear Elder Lowrey in a proposition to advertise his school on the back of the minutes, which he is allowed to do free of charge.

Leave of absence was granted to the following brothers, viz: J. J. Smith, Wm. Aldridge, M. A. Rich, H. B. Burk, B. Johnson, Elbert Floyd, J. D. M. Kirk, T. J. Morphis, John Lancaster, R. J. Howell and W. R. Gatlin.

Association adjourned until Monday, 8½ A. M. Prayer by Elder J. D. Anderson.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

On Sunday interesting services were held at the House, by Elders J. B. Gambrel and J. T. Pitts, and at the arbor, by Elders H. L. Finley and A. G. Parrott.

MONDAY, September 28th, 1874.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. Gillian.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools made their report, which was adopted:

We, your committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to report as follows:

We find the destitution of Sabbath-schools in our Association to be very alarming. It is useless for us to urge the importance of Sunday-schools, or to argue to prove their necessity. The question is, "How can we have a Baptist Sunday-school in every church in this Association?" Our motto should be "A Sunday-school in every church in the State;" and we will not come up to our duty until there is one in every church. To say that this is

impossible, is absurd. The only answer, we think, any church can give for not having a Sunday-school is, "Neglect of duty." Any community that can support a church can support a Sunday-school. The grand and ultimate object of Sunday-schools is to bring sinners to Christ. The Lord has greatly blessed this a means of converting sinners and it is our imperative duty to give more attention to it. We urge every pastor to continue his efforts until there are Sabbath-schools in all his churches.

We recommend that some steps be taken to organize a Sunday-school Institute, to be held in connection with this Association.

J. W. SANFORD,
W. J. KIRKLAND, } Committee.
J. E. BUCHANAN, }

On motion of Elder Lowrey the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association appoint a time and place of holding a Sunday-school Institute, and that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to arrange a programme for the meeting.

The Moderator appointed on the committee provided for, Elders M. P. Lowrey, J. E. Rogers and Bro. N. S. Watson.

Committee on Domestic Missions made their report which, after an interesting speech by Elder J. B. Gambrel, was adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report:

We rejoice that this important work has been so successful in our Association. There is, now, no destitution in our bounds, that cannot be easily supplied by our pastors and licentiates. We are confident that our churches are interested in this work, but have made no contribution, scarcely, because they think there is nothing to do in this direction. They cannot have such feelings if they are made to realize the condition of the "Bottom" and South Mississippi, where there are whole counties without a Baptist preacher, and some of them destitute of preaching of any kind. Our State Convention has organized a Board, located at Hazlehurst, Miss., and an efficient Corresponding Secretary has been appointed, whose duty it is to secure co-operation of all the Associations in the State, collect funds, employ missionaries and supply the destitute throughout the State with the gospel. In view of these facts, we recommend that this Association approve the said action of our Convention, and that we give to the Board our sympathy, prayers and contributions; and that we invite the Secretary and agents to visit our Association and churches, to interest them more deeply in the great work of Home Missions.

We also recommend that our churches make *regular* and *liberal* contributions to our State Board through our Treasurer, and that our Executive Board turn over all money in their hands to the

State Board, and to continue to co-operate with the Board in raising money for this glorious work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: The only way by which we can enter, fully, into sympathy with those who are in trouble or distress, is to endeavor to consider ourselves in their places; and it is thus we should think of the poor, blinded heathen. Let us think for a moment of this entire land's being deprived of the gospel, and leave us in darkness and despair. Would we not think that the enlightened part of the world ought to send us the gospel? Would we not think them guilty of *sin* if they withheld the bread of eternal life from us when they might give us to eat? So might the heathen world think of us, when we refuse to send them the gospel, and so they would have *right* to think.

The way, and the *only* way to spread the gospel to the nations of the earth, is by missionaries. The Savior of the world was a missionary, and his apostles were missionaries. We profess to be followers of the Savior; and to be true followers of Him we must go, either in person or in our means, to take the gospel to the heathen. We are said to be Missionary Baptists, and we feel, sometimes, like asking the question, "How much?" "Just in theory?" Theory without practice is like faith without works; it is dead. We should be missionaries in practice as well as theory.

We would urge the pastors to make an appeal, at least once during the year, in behalf of Foreign Missions; to preach a sermon on the subject, that the people may know the condition of the heathen world. We believe that all that Baptists need to make them do their duty is *instruction*.

We, also, urge every church to make it a rule to send up to the Association, every year, a contribution for Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SANFORD,

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Committee on Mississippi College made their report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Mississippi College would report that the College is still in a very prosperous condition. During the severe ordeal through which we are passing, which has demolished some of our much loved institutions, and endangered another dear to us, Mississippi College has not only survived, but has a brighter prospect

than ever before. It is now the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. They realize it—they are beginning to feel that it is a power in their hands. They love it, and are untiring in their efforts to make it a success—and a success it is. It has advantages that no other school can claim. Its expenses are less than those of any college of its grade. It has a greater number of young ministers and Christian young men, who check the wild, reckless, dissipated influences which ruin so many young men. Its discipline is mild, but firm.

We recommend, therefore,—yea, we urge—we beg the brethren of this Association to rally to her aid with their prayers, their means and their patronage. We recommend, also, the resolution offered last year:

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorse the movement of the Baptist State Convention, which authorized the Board of Trustees of the College to raise an endowment fund of *one hundred thousand dollars*, and urge the churches composing this body to do all in their power to aid in the accomplishment of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BERRY, Chairman.

Committee on Documents made their report, which was adopted:

In recommending publications, the Bible stands first on the list, and it is a lamentable fact that it is much neglected. How few among the professed followers of Christ are always ready to give a reason for the hope that is in them, and to defend the faith they profess? We would next recommend *THE BAPTIST*, published in Memphis, Tenn., as a sound and able defender of the faith, and we think no Baptist family should be without it. *KIND WORDS*, published at Marion, Ala., is one of the best for children and for Sabbath-schools that we have ever seen. *THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL* and the *ORPHANS' HOME BANNER* should be read by all who are friendly to Missions and Orphans—and all Baptists should be.

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N. S. WATSON, Chairman.

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Association re-assembled at 1½ o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Sanford.

Committee on Church Letters made their report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Church Letters report as follows :
Academy had a meeting of nine days—seven conversions.

Ashland at peace.

Beulah reports no revival.

Bethlehem had a meeting of several days—five added to the church.

Bethel at peace.

Clear Creek reports six baptisms.

Chewalla had a refreshing season.

Canaan has delegates present, but no letter.

Fellowship had a meeting of several days, and fourteen added to the church.

Flat Rock has nothing of interest to write.

Hamilton has a weekly prayer meeting and a Sunday-school.

Harmony had a good meeting; six added to the church.

Macedonia had a meeting of days; seventeen baptized.

Mt. Moriah had a good meeting; seven conversions.

New Hope (Miss.) had a good meeting.

New Hope (Tenn.) is just organized.

New Prospect is just organized.

Pleasant Ridge at peace.

Providence had a good meeting; eleven added to the church.

Pleasant Hill (Tippah) had a precious revival.

Pleasant Grove has nothing of interest to write.

Pleasant Hill (Benton) had a good meeting.

Pisgah had a good meeting and was greatly revived.

Pine Grove had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Ripley had a good meeting; four baptisms.

Ruckersville has a Sunday-school.

Shady Grove at peace.

Union thanks God for what he has done for them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SKINNER, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Finance have received the following amounts from the different churches: Academy Church, \$5; Ashland, \$2 50; Bethel, 70 cents; Bethlehem, \$2 50; Beulah, \$2 35; Canaan, \$2 70; Chewalla, \$3; Clear Creek, \$1 30; Fellowship, \$2; Flat Rock, \$2 10; Harmony, \$1 40; Macedonia, \$3; Mt. Moriah, \$2 45; New Bethel, \$1; New Hope (Miss.), \$2 35; New Prospect, \$1 80; New Hope, (Tenn.), \$1 50; Pine Grove, \$2; Pisgah, \$1 45; Pleasant Hill (Benton), \$1 20; Pleasant Hill (Tippah), \$1 20; Pleasant Ridge, \$2 20; Providence, \$2 20; Ripley, \$3 50; Ruckersville, \$1 50; Shady Grove, \$2; Union, \$3 30. Total amount \$58 20. This I have handed to the Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GURNEY, Chairman.

The Executive Board made the following report, which was agreed to:

The Executive Board has had no meeting during the year, consequently nothing has been done in the way of Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association. The funds in the hands of the Treasurer were, in pursuance of instructions given by the Association two years ago, turned over to the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, except \$15.05 balance in his hands. Elder W. J. Kirkland presented a report for mission labor performed by him, to which we refer you.

Respectfully, etc.,

THOS. SPIGHT, Member of Board.

The Treasurer made his report, which was agreed to.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. J. Guyton, Treasurer, in account with Tippah Association, for the years 1873 and 1874:

1873. Received for Orphans' Home.

September 27—To cash, Tippah Association..... \$42 85

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September 26—To cash, Tippah Association 27 20

Total received..... \$70 05

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September 27—By cash paid A. D. Trimble..... \$42 85

1874.

September 26—By cash paid Bro. Joel Towers..... 27 20

Total disbursed..... \$70 05

1873. Received for Domestic Missions.

September 29—To cash on hand as per last report..... \$46 50

1874.

August 25—Received of Ripley Church..... 5 70

" " " Mt. Moriah Church..... 2 05

" " " Cannan Church..... 2 25

Sept. 27— " at Tippah Association..... 5 05

Total received..... \$61 55

1873.

CR.

October 4—By cash forwarded through Elder M. P. Lowrey to Domestic and Indian Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention..... \$44 00

1874.

April 5—By cash forwarded through Elder M. P. Lowrey to Domestic and Indian Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention..... 2 50

Total disbursed..... \$46 50

Balance due..... 15 05

1873. Received for Foreign Missions.
September 28—Received at Tippah Association..... \$19 90

1874.
September 27—Received at Tippah Association..... 5 05

Total received..... \$24 95

1874. CR.
February 3—By cash forwarded to H. A. Tupper, through
Elder M. P. Lowrey..... \$19 90
Septem'r 28—By cash forwarded to H. A. Tupper, through
Elder M. P. Lowrey..... 5 05

Total disbursed..... \$24 95

1873. Received for ministerial education.
Sept'r 27—To cash received at Tippah Association for Elder
W. L. Skinner..... \$42 95

1874.
March 1—Received of J. F. Guyton..... 5 00
" " " A. H. McAlister..... 5 00
" " " Flat Rock Church..... 2 00
" 14 " " G. W. Wright..... 10 00
" 18 " " J. M. Murphey..... 2 50
" 22 " " Flat Rock Church..... 2 75
" " " Matthew Miller..... 10 00
" " " Ripley Church..... 10 00
" " " J. M. McDonald..... 5 00
" " " Macedonia Church..... 10 00
" " " Canaan Church..... 10 75
" " " Thos. Spight..... 10 00
" " " B. Nance..... 5 00
" " " B. Johnson..... 5 00
" " " Shady Grove Church..... 6 20
" " " F. Ray..... 5 00
" " " Union Church..... 10 00
" " " Wm. Riley..... 5 00
" " " J. W. Turner..... 5 00
" " " Wm. Taylor..... 2 50
Sept. 26— " " Pine Grove Church..... 2 00
" " " J. J. Guyton..... 10 25

Total received..... \$181 90

1873. CR.
Sept'r 27—By cash paid Elder W. L. Skinner..... \$42 95

1874.
March 4—By cash paid Elder W. L. Skinner..... 12 00
" 22 " " " " " "..... 15 00
" " " " " " " "..... 91 45

Sept'r 26—By cash paid Eld. W. L. Skinner 20 50

Total disbursed.....\$181 90

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GUYTON, Treasurer.

The following brothers were elected members of the Executive Board: Thos. Spight, N. S. Watson, Jacob Godwin and R. E. Whitten.

The Association then elected Mt. Moriah Church, four-and-a-half miles northeast of Ripley, Miss., as the place for holding its next session.

On motion, it was decided to hold a Sunday-school Institute at Macedonia Church, on Friday, before the first Sunday in March next.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Pisgah Church the amount in his hands for Domestic Missions.

Elder J. D. Anderson was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. W. E. Berry, alternate.

The following resolutions were then passed:

Resolved, That we recommend to Baptists and other friends of female education the Blue Mountain Female Institute, under the control of Eld. M. P. Lowrey. The teachers are fully competent, the course is thorough, and the charges moderate.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brothers of Beulah Church and other friends for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That we tender to the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk our love for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this body, and reserve for his services \$10.

The roll was called, and absentees marked.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Moderator made feeling and appropriate remarks.

Then, while singing a hymn, the brethren gave to each other the parting hand, and Bro. W. E. Berry led in prayer.

A. G. PARROTT, Moderator.

THOS. SPIGHT, Clerk.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Religious bodies corresponding with the Tippah Baptist Association :

DEAR BRETHREN :—An interesting and harmonious session of the Tippah Association was held with Beulah Church, in Union county, Miss., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1874. The churches composing this Association are, we trust, doing good service for the Master.

Our churches were well represented, and nearly all of them report gracious outpouring of the Spirit of our God. The great drouth, and its consequent poverty to our people, which He, in his unscrutable providence, sent upon us, has, we trust, made us more humble. We have gone to Him in our poverty and dependence, and our souls have been feasted upon the richness of His bounty, and we have been made to feel that our Father doeth all things well. Our body is steadily increasing in numbers, as will be seen by reference to our table of statistics, and we trust in the Christian graces. Brethren, pray for us, and may the good Lord bless you in your efforts to do the will of our Master.

A. G. PARROTT, Moderator.

THOS. SPIGHT, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union.

ART. III. The delegates representing the different churches, shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters, specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty above that number.

ART. V. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings, shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. VI. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. VII. This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, (by private ballot,) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

ART. VIII. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. IX. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic or foreign missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. X. If a church have a difficulty with another church, we advise her to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between churches will be entertained by this body, unless such steps shall have been taken.

ART. XI. When churches of this union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the

gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and constitution of churches, to be governed by the Abstracts of Principles of this Association.

ART. XII. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. XIII. The minutes of this body shall be read and corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. XIV. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer and four other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ART. 2. We believe in the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

ART. 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God, by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the "Imputed Righteousness" of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

ART. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man in answer to the prayer of christians.

ART. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism is, immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in him, and there are but two officers in the church, viz: Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

ART. 10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means and ability will enable them.

ART. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present, by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rise to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be open for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and, if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject, without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. "But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority."

ART. 10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reprov'd by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Day of Meeting	Baptized	Rec. by Letter.	Restored	Deceased	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded	Total Membership.
Academy	M. P. Lowrey	Holaba, Miss	M. P. Lowrey, J. D. Anderson, H. T. Webb, J. J. Guyton, A. H. McAlister	1	6	8	1	2	4	151	
Ashtand	A. G. Parrott	Ashtand, Miss	Not represented	2	2	1	1	1	3	13	
Bethel	J. A. Crook	Antioch, Miss	T. D. Killough	3	1	1	1	1	1	40	
Bethel	Isaac Smith	Bethel, Miss	A. L. Collins, D. McCollum, J. Brock	4	1	1	1	1	1	85	
Bethlehem	L. P. Cossett	Ashland, Miss	A. G. Parrott, M. Queen	5	1	1	1	1	1	78	
Canaan	M. Gillian	Canaan, Miss	M. Gillian, H. B. Russell, E. T. Doyle	6	2	1	1	1	1	64	
Chevala	J. W. Johnson	Holly Springs, Miss	J. F. N. Colston, H. Allen, J. W. Turner	7	2	1	1	1	1	42	
Clear Creek	J. D. Anderson	Dumas, Springs	Wm. Aldridge	8	6	1	1	1	1	65	
Fellowship	James Boswell	Claysville, Miss	W. E. Berry, E. Beay, J. W. West, J. L. Landers	9	1	1	1	1	1	109	
Flat Rock	M. Gillian	Hickory Flat, Miss	W. J. Kirkland, R. E. Fowler, J. C. Gadd	10	2	1	1	1	1	46	
Hamilton	D. R. Bryant	Soulsbury, Tenn	D. K. Stovall, D. W. Hawkins	11	2	1	1	1	1	47	
Harmony	L. P. Cossett	Hopkins, Miss	J. M. Murphy, W. R. Gailin, J. F. Quinn	12	2	1	1	1	1	52	
Macdonia	A. G. Parrott	Bine Mountain, Miss	L. P. Cossett, G. R. Whismant, Wm. Riley, Jacob Godwin	13	2	1	1	1	1	122	
Mount Moriah	J. H. Prescott	Ripley, Miss	Thomas Seight, W. N. Stansell, C. E. Gurney	14	2	1	1	1	1	35	
New Bethel	W. D. Lancaster	Udett, Tenn	J. M. Box, P. D. Job	15	2	1	1	1	1	81	
New Hope, Miss	W. D. Lancaster	Ashland, Miss	E. T. Stewart, W. B. Lowrey	16	2	1	1	1	1	45	
New Hope, Tenn	W. D. Lancaster	Big Hill, Tenn	R. J. Howell	17	2	1	1	1	1	89	
New Prospect	L. P. Cossett	Unknown	J. D. M. Kirk, T. J. Morphis, John Lancaster	18	2	1	1	1	1	36	
Pine Grove	W. J. Kirkland	Pine Grove, Miss	J. B. Fuller, J. Johnson	19	2	1	1	1	1	81	
Pisgah	J. H. Prescott	Ripley, Miss	J. J. Smith	20	2	1	1	1	1	65	
Pleasant Hill, Benton	J. A. Crook	Ashland, Miss	J. D. Morton	21	2	1	1	1	1	41	
Pleasant Hill, Tiptah	J. A. Crook	Ruckersville, Miss	J. T. Nabors, J. A. Skinner	22	2	1	1	1	1	46	
Pleasant Grove	W. D. Lancaster	Tiptersville, Miss	D. A. Archer	23	2	1	1	1	1	21	
Pleasant Ridge	W. D. Lancaster	Saulsbery, Tenn	M. A. Rich, James Davis, H. B. Burk	24	2	1	1	1	1	69	
Pocahontas	W. D. Lancaster	Tiptersville, Miss	Not represented	25	2	1	1	1	1	57	
Providence	A. G. Parrott	Ripley, Miss	W. L. Skinner, W. W. Horton	26	2	1	1	1	1	61	
Ripley	D. R. Bryant	Ruckersville, Miss	J. W. Sanford, J. E. Rogers, J. B. Buchanan	27	2	1	1	1	1	46	
Ruckersville	L. P. Cossett	Ripley, Miss	Turner Mathis	28	2	1	1	1	1	122	
Shady Grove	M. P. Lowrey	Jonesboro, Miss	Elbert Floyd, B. Johnson	29	2	1	1	1	1	41	
Union			H. H. Ray, J. F. Ray, L. T. Ray, R. S. Smith	30	2	1	1	1	1	155	
Unity		Grand Junction, Tenn	Not represented	31	2	1	1	1	1	103	
Total					155	103	11	18	130	42	1393

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